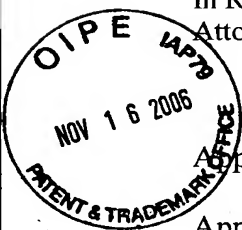


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Applicants : **Koro UENISHI et al.**
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ASSESSMENT METHOD, AND VEHICLE
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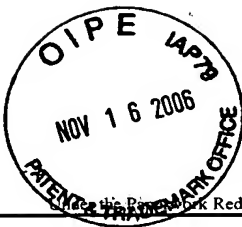
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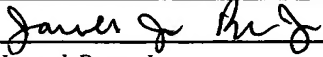
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